



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : **10/082,326** **Confirmation No.** 3456
Applicant : I. URATANI et al
Filed : February 26, 2002
Title : STORAGE SYSTEM
TC/AU : 2141
Examiner : K. D. Shingles
Docket No. : NIT-332
Customer No.: 24956

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 20, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.